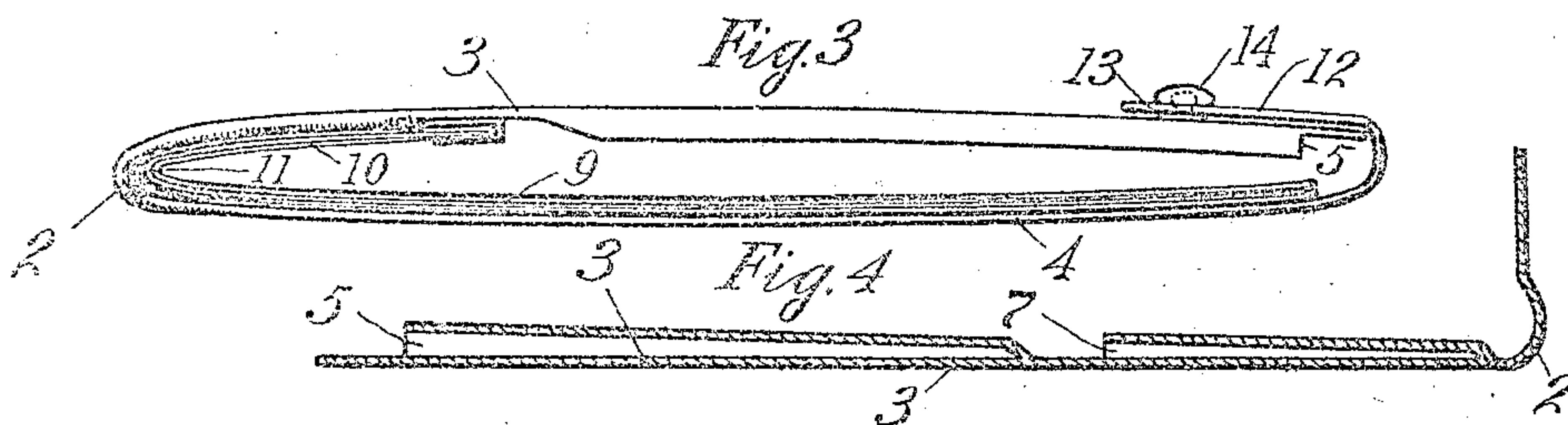
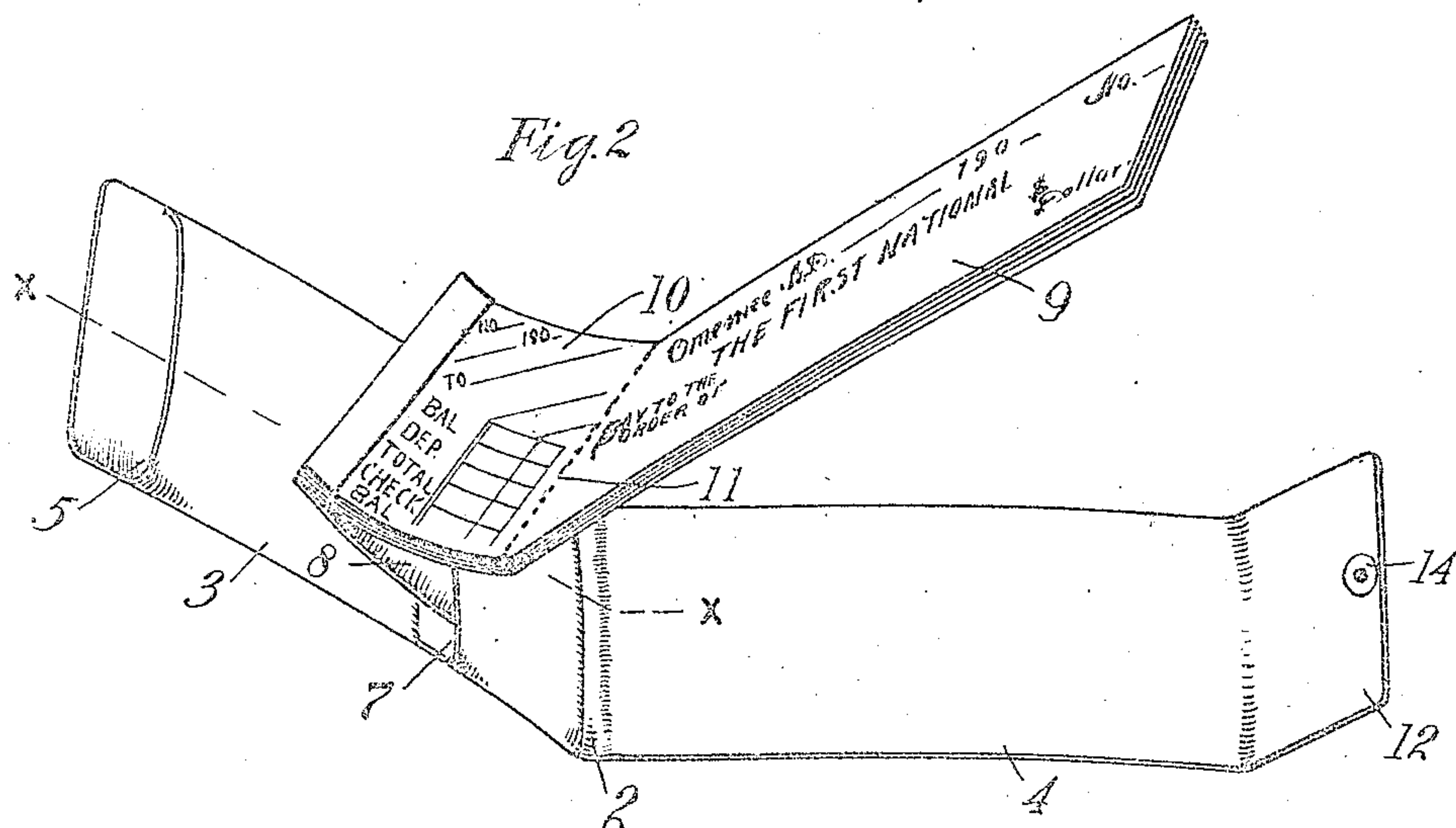
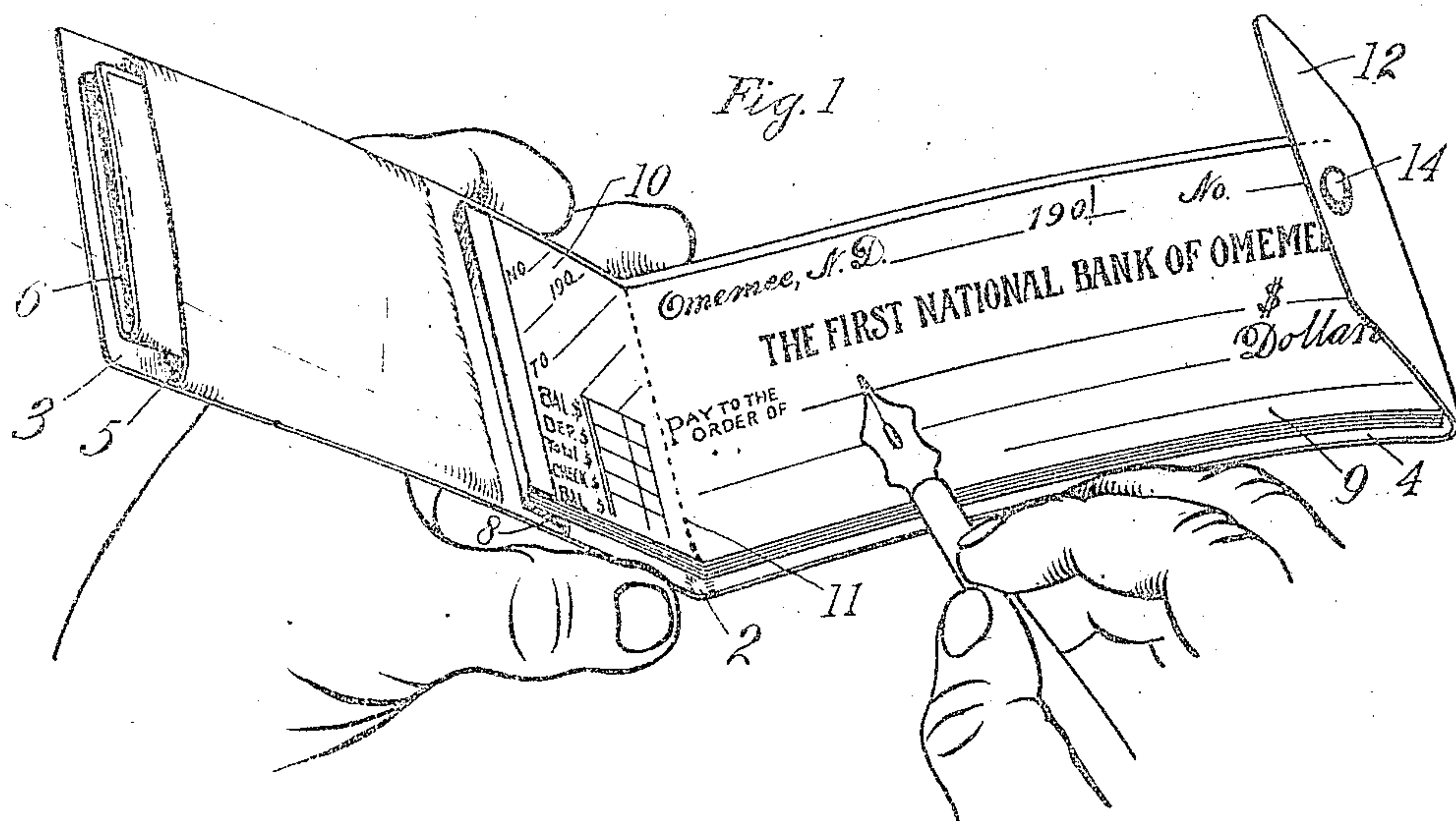


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, CLIFTON S. SULTZER, a citizen of the United States, residing at Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue and State of Minnesota, have invented certain new and useful Improvements in Check-Books, of which the following is a specification.

My invention relates to improvements in check books of the class wherein the checks are bound into pads and removably secured to a folding cover. In books of this sort it is desirable that the books be folded into as small compass as possible, so that the book may be conveniently carried in bag or pocket; that each check have a stub extension on the same leaf; and that when the book is opened the check portions of the leaves shall lie flat against a supporting back without fold or crease, so that the same shall present a flat smooth writing surface.

It is the object of this invention to provide a check book which shall embody these and other features of improvement.

More especially the invention consists in the construction, combination and arrangement of parts hereinafter described and claimed.

In the accompanying drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 is a perspective view of the check book opened for use; Fig. 2 is a perspective view of the same with the check-pad partly removed from the cover or holder; Fig. 3 is a top view of the book when folded and closed, and Fig. 4 is a longitudinal section through the pocket side of the cover on line  $x-x$  of Fig. 2.

In the drawings is shown a cover of leather or other foldable material reinforced or stiffened on either side of a middle hinge-portion 2 to form fairly stiff leaves or sides 3 and 4, respectively, of approximately equal length. The left hand cover-leaf 3 is formed near the end with a pocket 5 to hold a deposit book 6, and at a point nearer the hinge 2 with a pocket 7 to receive the backing strip of a pad of check-leaves. Each check-leaf has a check portion 9 extended at the left or binding end to form a shorter stub portion 10. Between the stub portion and the check portion is a line of perforations 11. The check leaves are bound together at their stub ends, and bound up with them upon the back of the pad is a short

backing strip or flap 8 of stiffer material. The backing strip is of no greater length than the stubs and is adapted to be inserted into the pocket 7, as illustrated in Fig. 2. This pocket is arranged at such distance from the hinge 2 that, when the backing-flap 8 is inserted into the pocket, the check-leaves will lie upon the cover with their stubs upon one side of the hinge 2 and their check portions on the other side, and with the line of perforations 11 between them coincident with the hinge. Thus, when the sides of the cover are folded together as shown in Fig. 3, the check leaves will be folded along the line 11, and the check portions 9 will remain uncreased and unfolded. And when the book is opened for use the checks will lie smooth and flat against the supporting cover-leaf 4, and may be written on as readily as if the pad had never been folded. Thus all the advantages of a stub at the end of each check are attained without adding to the length of the book, or folding either stub or check. It will also be seen that the deposit book will form a filler and support for the front cover leaf 3 and thus prevent it from breaking over the edge of the stub end of the pad.

If desired the cover may be extended at one end to form a flap 12 which may be folded over the other end of the cover and detachably secured thereto by any suitable means such as the spring stud 13 and socket 14 shown in the drawings.

I claim as my invention:

1. A folding check book comprising a cover having a line of fold between its ends, whereby to provide front and back leaves, the front leaf having a pair of pockets extending in the direction of the length of the cover, one pocket having its opening near the line of fold, and the other pocket having its opening farther toward the free end of said cover leaf and adapted to receive a deposit book, and a pad of bound check leaves having stub and check portions, said pad being formed with a backing strip fitting within the pocket adjacent to the line of fold, whereby the pad is detachably held upon the cover, and the mouth of said pad holding pocket being positioned at such distance from the line of fold that the line between the check and stub portions of the check leaves is coincident with the line of



fold of the cover, said deposit book serving as a filler and support for the front cover leaf.

2. In a book of the class described, the combination with a cover having a line of fold between its ends, whereby to provide front and back portions, the front portion of the cover having a pair of pockets at its inner side arranged in alinement, one of said pockets being adjacent to the line of fold, and the other extending substantially from the termination of the last-mentioned pocket toward the free end of the front portion of the cover and adapted to receive a pass book, of a pad of bound leaves including separable check and stub portions arranged side by side and positioned within the cover so that the line of separation between the check and stub portions is coincident with the line of fold of the cover, and a backing flap carried by the pad and received by the pocket adjacent to the line of fold, whereby the pad is detachably held upon the cover, said backing flap and pass book serving to reinforce the front portion of the cover.

3. In a device of the character described, the combination of a top and a lower cover, integrally connected at their contiguous ends, said lower cover provided with a

smooth inner face, said top cover provided with an inner pocket extending entirely across the top cover, and said top cover provided with an outer pocket extending entirely across the cover, said outer pocket terminating short of the inner pocket, a check-book resting upon said top and lower covers, said check-book comprising sheets, each sheet provided with a transverse line of perforations, all of the transverse lines of perforations registering with the inner ends of the covers, said check-book provided with a flap positioned in the inner pocket, said perforations dividing the sheets into checks and stub-portions, the check-portions lying flat upon and parallel with the inner smooth face of the lower cover and the stub-portion lying flat upon and parallel with the inner pocket of the top cover, said check-book of substantially the same width as said top-cover and lower cover, and the outer end of the stub-portion terminating short of the inner end of the outer pocket.

In testimony whereof I affix my signature in presence of two witnesses.

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